



Dear Congressman:

I write on behalf of the American recording industry to urge you to support the DR-CAFTA Free Trade Agreement.

This is an agreement that will greatly expand American commercial opportunities and serve as a model for the effective protection of intellectual property worldwide. Not only is meaningful copyright protection critical to furthering our growth in foreign markets, it is essential in guarding against the abuses abroad that can be so detrimental here at home.

Given the current openness of the American market, the U.S. secures far more than it grants within the framework of these free-trade agreements. Most notable among those benefits are the economic and political stability of our trading partners. These agreements help to build constituencies for democratic reforms, transparency and economic rationalism that will drive prosperity across the globe. With these agreements – and in particular an agreement with our close neighbors to the South – we will further bind both our shared and unique offerings in ways that benefit us all.

For the good of America's entertainment industries, the U.S. economy, the many American workers who drive it and the global society at large, I wholeheartedly urge you to support the DR-CAFTA agreement.

Sincerely,

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